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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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EDITORIAL

THERE were ways in which the Anniversary Week of this year was of special significance. The conditions of human society in general, the relation which this government holds to the other world-powers, the solemnizing sense of impending events, and, most of all, the consciousness in every individual of profound responsibility, all conspired to centre the attention of those in attendance upon great issues. At no time, either in the addresses, or in the discussions, were there any questions of petty interest or of personal prejudice to lower the tone, or impair the force of the occasion.

The clarion note of Mr. Sullivan's Anniversary sermon echoed through all the general addresses of the week. When Unitarianism was interpreted, it was the Unitarianism of universal interest. If differences of belief were referred to, they were the differences that were implied by, or were set over against universal principles and laws.

The meeting in Symphony Hall was unprecedented in the annals of Anniversary Week. The great hall, which was crowded to the doors, contained an atmosphere of mingled religion and patriotism which everyone present deeply felt. To sit on the platform and study the faces of the men and women present, as they listened to the Scripture reading, sung the war hymns especially prepared for the occasion, and gazed at the preacher during his wonderful address, was an experience which is seldom repeated in a life-time. Great thoughts, the presence of vast issues, the sense of America's responsibility in human history, and the inexpressible evidence of gratitude which every American felt just because he was an American, created a psychology which probably expanded every human soul and kindled into new life every imagination.

ON Tuesday at the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association, the addresses were eloquent and instructive. The chairman of the Council of the General Conference, announced the plans to be carried out at Montreal next September. To hold the General Conference in Montreal promises not only to be a great opportunity for liberals in religion but its effect should be international in character. No large gathering of Americans on Canadian soil at the present time can fail to create a stronger feeling of sympathy and to bring out more clearly than ever before, the numberless ways in which these two great American families participate in the blessings of democracy. Little jealousies, such as have employed the attention of critics, on either side of the line, will be forgotten. Former antagonisms will be swallowed up. The ineradicable necessity of Pan-Americanism will be emphasized. Those who, in times past, have harbored the suspicion that the two countries would grow farther apart, will, in the presence of the great war, and the unspeakable ambitions of Prussian Imperialism, see that what was said of the American Colonies in

Revolutionary days, must be said of the American Republics of today. We must survive or perish together. One spirit must unite us all. One vision of complete emancipation from monarchical tyranny must be the common goal of every nation from Alaska to Patagonia.

IT has sometimes been said in the past that the great orators who distinguished the period of the Civil War have passed away and left no successors. Such an opinion, however, must be revised in these days of international tension. The fountains of heroic and patriotic utterance are still flowing. Great causes create tongues that must speak and ears that must hear, and hearts that understand.

All through the addresses of the week and especially in those that were made on Tuesday, the thought of the great war was a perpetual inspiration to eloquence, and none of those speeches, though different in kind, were more impressive or created a higher sense of duty and loyalty, than that of the president in his annual address. One could have wished that all the members of the Association, and all the churches of our body could have caught the spirit of the hour, and the thrilling impression made by the personalities of the speakers. Many of those addresses will appear in print, but the audience, the occasion and the physical presence of the speakers always contribute what cannot be reproduced upon the printed page.

The festival given by the laymen of Boston to visiting clergymen and their wives, reached a standard far above that of recent years. It was here that the spirit of human interest in the welfare of the world and the causes for which the allies were struggling, found unrestricted expression. The program had been planned with great care, for each speaker had his individual theme and no time was wasted among the commonplaces and trivialities of "after dinner" utterances.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot presided. Dr. Richard C. Cabot spoke out of an intimate knowledge of the conditions of military service, both in this country and abroad, inspiring his hearers with vivid illustrations of the actual sufferings and sacrifices that are being made by the soldiers, both at the front and on guard duty in this country. He warned his hearers against any indifference which might impair the efficiency of the allied forces, and created in every heart the sense of individual responsibility in the giving of strength, money and sympathy to the great cause which the world seeks to achieve.

Prof. Charles Hall Grandgent who, himself, had made a careful study of the French nation, delineated the character of the French people and analyzed the spirit in which the nation accepted the gage of war. Americans were made to feel that they were reciprocating the sympathy which, in Revolutionary times, France extended to the American Colonies in the interests of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. His material was so marshalled as to present the absolute necessities that confront the lovers of freedom everywhere.

Bishop Brent spoke upon the spirit of Great Britain, while the chairman of the meeting delivered an address in which he presented the Spartan attitude which every American citizen should hold towards the great cause of universal democracy.

IT is not the purpose of this editorial to review the program of Anniversary Week. Its general character and purpose was of an order seldom attainable under the ordinary conditions of denominational interest, and one could not have attended any of the meetings without feeling that the Unitarian body, with its simple gospel of truth, spiritual sincerity and high purpose has a part seldom offered to a religious movement, in advancing the moral and spiritual welfare of the whole world.

Such a unique aggregate of meetings as is held by the Unitarians during Anniversary week ought to react upon the churches of our fellowship with tangible results. Stirring accounts of what is said and done, should be carried back to the various congregations by the ministers and delegates.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Samuel R. Calthrop, L.H.D., minister and Pastor Emeritus of the church in Syracuse, N. Y., for nearly fifty years, died in that city on May 12.

Rev. Andrew J. Wells died at Los Angeles, Cal., on March 20, after a long illness.

Rev. Hasket D. Catlin died at Northumberland, Pa., on June 3, in his 78th year. He had honorably served the churches in Neponset, Dublin, N. H., Eastport, Me., and Northumberland.

Rev. C. E. Snyder has resigned at Allegheny, Pa., to accept a call to Sioux City, Ia.

Rev. O. E. Duerr has accepted a call to Laconia, N. H.

Rev. C. E. Beals has resigned at the Church of the Unity, Worcester, Mass.

Rev. Miles Hanson, now of the Congregational church in El Paso, Tex., has accepted a call to the First Church in Roxbury.

Rev. O. E. Helsing has taken charge of the church at Oklahoma City, Ok., and Rev. W. A. Marzolf of the church in Westboro, Mass.

Mr. C. H. Valentine of the graduating class of the Meadville School has accepted a call to Vineland, N. J.

Rev. R. S. Forbes has resigned at Dorchester, Mass., to accept a call to Germantown, Pa.

Rev. F. A. Weil has resigned at Bellingham, Wash., to accept a call to Denver, Col., Dr. Utter becoming Pastor Emeritus.

Dr. J. H. Crooker has taken charge of the church at Amherst, Mass.

Rev. W. A. Smith has resigned at St. Cloud, Minn., to accept a call to Menominee, Wis.

Rev. C. F. Elliott has resigned at Keokuk, Iowa.

Rev. C. A. Place of Sterling has accepted a call to Lancaster, Mass.

Rev. J. W. Conkling has resigned at Atlanta, Ga., to enter the military service.

Resolutions at the Annual Meeting

The Association at the Annual Meeting of May 22nd adopted a Resolution of respect to the memory of Mr. George W. Fox and sent greetings to the British and Foreign Unitarian Association and to the Japanese Unitarian Association. The following Resolution outlines one of our newest denominational opportunities.

"*Whereas*, the Trustees of the Meadville Theological School have accepted the splendid gift of their Chairman, Hon. Morton D. Hull, of Chicago, of a lot of land at the corner of Woodlawn Avenue and Fifty-Seventh Street, Chicago, and have appointed a Building Committee to solicit funds and proceed with the erection thereon of a Meadville House in connection with the University of Chicago,

Resolved, That the American Unitarian Association cordially appreciates the strengthening of our liberal forces in the Central West which will come with the presence of professors and students, forming an outpost of the Meadville Theological School, at the University of Chicago, and

Resolved, That the Association heartily commends this Meadville project to the support of our churches, Alliance branches, and men and women of means, as worthy even in this time of national stress and sacrifice — of their loyal and generous consideration."

The Committee has been organized with Rev. R. W. Boynton as Chairman to present this matter to the churches. There is need of $60,000, the greater part for the proposed building, or Meadville House, and a smaller part for its partial endowment.

One of the most urgent of the obliga-

tions resting on the churches and people of the Unitarian fellowship is described in the following Resolution.

"*Whereas*, other denominations are raising, or have already raised, large and generous sums for the payment of adequate pensions to their aged ministers, and their needy widows and orphans, and

Whereas, our pension to ministers is still under $200 a year, and our funds for widows and orphans of ministers are wholly inadequate

Resolved, That in addition to the usual Annual Contributions of Churches, Societies, and individuals to the Unitarian Service Pension Society for current pensions, a fund of $250,000 be raised as soon as possible, of which $200,000 shall go to the Endowment Fund of said Pension Society, and $50,000 shall go to the Society for Ministerial Relief for its funds for widows and orphans, and that the President of this Association be requested to appoint a Committee of three to co-operate with said Pension Society and said Society for Ministerial Relief in this important work."

This joint Committee has been appointed and its appeals will soon be before the churches. Dr. Francis G. Peabody is the Chairman and Rev. R. S. Loring the Secretary of the Committee.

The Resolution setting forth the loyalty of our churches to the nation's ideals and purposes was expressed as follows:

"Renewing our allegiance to the utmost freedom of thought and speech consistent with the public order and our country's welfare,

We, representatives of the Unitarian body in America, assembled for the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association, would affirm our unstinted loyalty to our country and to our government and especially to those ideals of freedom and justice which we share with all men of goodwill. We cherish the hope, sanctioned by our religious faith, that whatever else may be achieved by the present conflict it may result in a federation of the nations based upon goodwill and such international safeguards as may be necessary to maintain a just and lasting peace.

We summon ourselves and our churches everywhere to the high tasks of spiritual leadership which the times demand. We charge our ministers and people to maintain and enlarge our national ideals, and, under the inspiration and guidance of the Christian motives, to embody those ideals in personal conduct, in public-spirited action, and in international relations. We call upon our churches for more earnest devotion and more consecrated service, and upon their efforts we invoke the blessing of Almighty God."

Other Resolutions were adopted advocating national prohibition and calling for adequate protection of the physical and moral health of the soldiers in the mobilization camps.

Wayside Pulpit

Announcements that have been made by circular letters and also in the May number of WORD AND WORK concerning the "Wayside Pulpit" have brought forth many answers. It is evident that the plan will be widely adopted among our churches.

It will be recalled that the essential point of the plan is for the churches to provide themselves with Bulletin Boards of such size as to use the sheets of paper thirty-two by forty-four inches *the long way horizontal*. The Department of Publicity of the American Unitarian Association offers to the churches sheets of this size upon which are printed sentences, which express great thoughts concerning liberal religion.

The part of the plan that requires immediate attention on the part of our churches and ministers is for them to decide upon the use of these sheets and to notify promptly the Secretary of the Publicity Department, Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, 25 Beacon Street, Boston. The time has come for the printing of the first lot of sheets and it is necessary to know how many of each to print. Obviously it is wise to print enough at one time to supply all the churches that will use them. On the

other hand, in these days of the scarcity of paper and its high cost, the needed number should not be greatly exceeded. Will all ministers and church committees intending to use the plan act promptly?

Mr. Saunderson will be glad to assist any of our churches in providing themselves with the Bulletin Boards for the use of these sheets. For those that are near enough to Boston the boards can be ordered from the Association, a builder having been found who will construct a simple board for about $10 (the pane of glass in the front to be supplied by the church in order to avoid the risk of breakage in the shipment.)

Drawings have been prepared from which churches at a distance can construct their boards at a moderate cost. Any church that desires to build a board in keeping with the architecture of the church building needs to bear in mind only one point, — that the essential feature of the structure is that the board to which the sheets are attached shall be thirty-two by forty-four inches high, the long way horizontal. This may be framed in any way desired by any church. It should be sheathed on the back to be secure against the weather. It will be well to have a glass door in front. The board can be so constructed as to be attached to the front of the church building or placed near the street by being attached to posts set in the ground.

Ministers' Meeting

Announcement has also been made of the meeting for ministers at Andover, N. H., from Sunday, July 1st, to Sunday, July 8th. Mr. Saunderson would like to hear promptly from all ministers who are planning to be present. The ministers are invited, as the guests of the Trustees of Proctor Academy, to live in the buildings of the Academy. In order to cover the cost of food and service there will be a charge of only $9 a week. Andover is about one hundred miles from Boston; consequently the cost of transportation is small.

Daily conferences will be conducted for the ministers by Rev. William L. Sullivan of New York. It is not necessary to speak further of the beauty of Andover and its surroundings and the exceptional opportunities offered by this meeting for the best kind of fellowship among our ministers. The meetings will be profitable to all who attend.

Lincoln Poster

The large poster containing the sentences from Lincoln's Second Inaugural beginning "With malice toward none, with charity for all," has been sent to all of our settled ministers. Any of our churches that are at present without a minister may receive the poster upon application to Mr. Saunderson. In answer to some inquiries the statement should be made that this poster is not intended for use in the "Wayside Pulpit," as it is not of the dimensions of the sheets that will be prepared for that Board. The hope is that the poster will be framed and placed in the church.

Hut Work

The special committee appointed to work out a plan for the co-operation of our Unitarian churches and people with the Young Men's Christian Association, in providing and maintaining recreation huts for the use of our soldiers in the mobilization camps, has been entirely successful. An appeal for funds for this purpose was prepared and distributed, and Sunday, May 27th, was suggested as an appropriate day for the receiving of contributions by the churches. The response has been quick and generous. More than $30,000 has been received by Mr. Fuller, the treasurer of the committee, $5,000 at least has been forwarded which did not pass through his hands, and thousands more of which there is no complete record have been given in answer to the local appeals of towns and cities wishing to make up the quotas assigned to them. It is desirable to know as nearly as may be how much our fellowship subscribes to this great cause. If, therefore, the ministers or treasurers of churches which, either directly or through their members, have contributed to these local funds will send to Mr. Henry H. Fuller, 25 Beacon

Street, as close an estimate as possible of the amounts thus turned over, their kindness will be deeply appreciated. The usefulness of the huts in combating the dull and dangerous monotony of camp life, and in protecting our boys and men against immorality and disease cannot be over-estimated. They are the expression of genuine religion. Let every church have some part in the work.

Department of Community Service

The Department of Community Service is the new name of what was formerly known as the Department of Social and Public Service, the change having been made because it more perfectly describes the work for which the department stands. The customary activities in the fields of personal and co-operative service have gone on as usual. The department joined with the Meadville Theological School in holding a five weeks' social service institute at Meadville in the summer of 1916, and with the Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, in conducting the annual conference of social service committees. The secretary has been specially active in developing in our churches an interest in the work of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches. Plans for the immediate future include another institute of social service at Meadville in August, and such response as the churches are able to give to the needs of the mobilization camps in different parts of the country.

Department of New Americans

The Department of New Americans records a healthy growth, in spite of the war. Two churches have been maintained among the Norwegians, eleven churches and preaching stations among the Icelanders, three among the Finns, and two among the Italians in which the Association has co-operated with the Benevolent Fraternity. Two new Finnish churches have been organized, two ministers have been added to the staff and a student is at the Meadville School. Several new tracts in Norwegian and Finnish have been added to the list. Besides these there are tracts in German, French, Spanish and Swedish. The Secretary made his annual visit to the missions in the Northwest, and took part in a conference of liberal ministers at Hanska, Minnesota.

Department of Religious Education.

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society, which was held on Thursday forenoon and afternoon of Anniversary Week, was one of the most successful the Society has ever held. Both sessions were in Ford Hall. Two hundred and seventy-seven were in attendance in the morning and seven hundred and forty in the afternoon. The officers proposed by the Nominating Committee were unanimously elected. The Clerk, the Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Committee on the Sunday School and the Home made their reports. The President read his annual address, which was in the nature of an historical survey, since this was the ninetieth anniversary of the organization of the Society. Rev. John H. Lathrop, of Brooklyn, N. Y., gave an address on "Lessons from Experience," and Rev. Henry T. Secrist conducted an Open Forum which brought out an animated discussion.

In the afternoon the subject of pageantry was discussed. Mr. Percy MacKaye read a paper on "Neighborliness, the Creed of Community Drama," and Mrs. Eugene R. Shippen spoke on "Pageantry as a Means of Teaching Unitarian History." Miss Marjorie Young, who had written the pageant, read the opening and closing scenes and the Luther episode, presenting the material so interestingly that the audience was compensated for any disappointment that might have been felt on account of the scenes not being represented. Plans are already taking shape looking toward the presentation of this pageant in the future.

In the evening of the same day the Department of Religious Education held a public session in the Arlington Street Church. A large audience was in atten-

dance. President Samuel A. Eliot presided, and the service of worship was conducted by the minister of the church, Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham. Rev. George R. Dodson, Ph.D., of St. Louis, spoke on "The Ideal Foundations of Life," and Rev. Henry F. Cope, D.D., of Chicago, spoke on "The Immediate Problem of Religious Education." These three meetings fittingly celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of the Sunday School Society and the fifth anniversary of the Department of Religious Education.

The teacher's manual, *The Story of Jesus*, has been placed on sale. This, with the pupil's Note Book and Bowen's *Gospel of Jesus* completes the material needed for pupils thirteen years of age. It will also be found useful for the next two grades, that is, for pupils of fourteen and fifteen.

The officers of the Department have a busy summer before them. Three new books in the Beacon Course are undergoing editorial work. These are Miss Cora Stanwood Cobb's *God's Wonder World*, for pupils nine years old, Rev. Albert R. Vail's *The Heroic Life*, for pupils of eleven, and Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot's *Our Part in the World*, for the age of fifteen.

The final preparation of manuscripts for the printers, especially when handwork is involved, is no slight task. Then will come the reading of proof, — galley and page, — before the books will be ready to bind. All who have had experience in issuing books know how many complications arise, under the best conditions. With the present scarcity and high cost of paper, those complications are greatly increased. It is expected, however, that the books will be ready in September.

The decision of the Star Island Corporation not to open the hotel this summer has reduced by one the number of Summer Institutes to be held. Those who would have gone to the Isles of Shoals Institute are commended to the other two, which will be held as usual. The first of these will be at Andover, N. H., June 24 to 29, and the second at Meadville, Pa., July 5 to 25. Andover is the seat of Proctor Academy, a Unitarian preparatory school highly valued by those acquainted with its work. The village is unusually attractive, and the accommodations for our work excellent. Andover is only 102 miles from Boston, fare $2.48 each way, and board will cost $9.00 for the week. There are no other charges. Dr. William Byron Forbush, Prof. Kirsopp Lake, Miss Mary Lawrance, and the two secretaries of the Department of Religious Education will take part in the program. As accommodations at Andover are likely to be taxed to the utmost, those wishing to attend are advised to write as soon as they can to the Matron of Proctor Academy, Andover, N. H., asking for rooms.

The Meadville Institute will be, as before, held in co-operation with the Theological School. President Southworth and Professors Anna Garlin Spencer and Clayton R. Bowen will give courses of lectures. Dr. Forbush will lecture daily on graphic methods of teaching religion. Rev. William I. Lawrance will be in charge and will lecture and hold conferences, and Rev. Charles E. Snyder, of Pittsburgh, will give two evening addresses. This Institute has from the first been our most serious effort at teacher-training. Its appeal has been chiefly to the churches of the Middle West, but our Eastern schools have been represented from time to time. This year the omission of the Institute at the Shoals will probably give many the opportunity to become acquainted with the Meadville school. It has for years been a source of regret to those who have worked at this institute that it is so little known among our people. This season may bring its advantages to a larger number of our workers and our churches.

Publication Department

A summary of the report of the Publication Agent for the year that ended May 1, 1917, gives the following statistics. It is shown that there were published and distributed 405,350 tracts, 60,000 copies of WORD AND WORK, 3300 *Year Books*, 14,122 *Annual Reports*, 5,000 copies of the new tract list, twelve sets of books sent to

selected libraries, and 320 subscriptions to the *Register* given to reading rooms. Five books have been published: "The Creed of Epictetus" by Dr. U. G. B. Pierce; "Living in Earnest" by Charles E. St. John; "Sources of Faith and Hope" by Herbert Mott; "Religion for To-day" by John Haynes Holmes; "The House Beautiful" by William C. Gannett. 9979 volumes have been sold and 13,835 shipments have been made from the shipping room. In the Department of Religious Education 11,083 *Song and Service Books* were sold, and 10,131 manuals. There have been published "Children of the Father" by Miss Dadmun, "The Gospel of Jesus" by Professor Bowen, the teacher's manual of "The Gospel of Jesus" by Miss Buck, "The Sympathy of Religions" by Dr. Dodson, Bulletins 11 and 12, "What makes a Successful Sunday School" and "The Promotion of Loyalty, Local and Denominational."

The New Hymn and Tune Book

The New Hymn and Tune Book has been adopted by the First Unitarian Society, Manchester, N. H., and the Congregational Society (Unitarian), Belmont, Mass., since the last issue of WORD AND WORK. A number of churches are considering the matter and it is hoped in case any church decides to install the book in the fall that so far as possible the churches will plan to place their orders before they close for the summer. In this manner the books will be ready for immediate shipment upon order, but no financial obligation will be incurred until the books are delivered. The New Hymn and Tune Book contains one of the best selections of hymns and services ever enclosed between two covers, and it is especially suited for public worship in the trying times through which we are now passing. It is especially rich in hymns for national occasions and in hymns expressive of courage and devotion, consecration and service.

Word and Work

The increased number of subscriptions last year to WORD AND WORK was very encouraging, but the possibilities for a much larger circulation are so great that we hope every person in every one of our societies will make a decided effort to push the canvass to the utmost. Letters with subscription forms have been sent to ministers and we look forward to the new year with confidence.

The Weekly Envelopes

The year just closed has marked the introduction of the Bi-Pocket Weekly Envelopes in a considerable number of our churches. It would seem, however, that a much larger number could adopt this system to great advantage. The Bi-Pocket Envelope System has certain essentially commendable features that should not be overlooked, among them being the fact that each person has an opportunity to contribute according to his resources, and that the amount upon which the church can depend is definitely known as soon as the envelope canvass is completed. It has been shown that this system is adapted for use in any church. The Publication Department is ready and anxious to furnish information or suggestions to any of our societies that are interested.

We Believe

By PAUL REVERE FROTHINGHAM

This collection of sermons, brought forth by the recent religious revival in Boston, is one of the most excellent little books published by the Association in recent years. The author states his reasons for unshaken belief in the five main points of the Unitarian belief in a quiet, dignified, forceful style. It is a simple and convincing statement of the Unitarian principles.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

Starr King in California, by William D. Simonds; $1.33 by mail.

The Sympathy of Religions, by Rev. George R. Dodson; $1.45 by mail.

We Believe, by Rev. Paul R. Frothingham; $0.98 by mail.

Rev. William Day Simonds of Oakland, California, has rendered a great service to liberal religion. His little book entitled, "Starr King in California" presents, as it has never been presented before, a biographical portrait of Thomas Starr King, giving substantial reasons to support the truth of the oft-repeated statement that "Starr King saved California to the Union." But, aside from the argument to substantiate this claim, Mr. Simonds has given us a book which, as a biographical sketch, is fascinating from beginning to end.

Starr King's career was as picturesque as his name. It was filled with high devotion worthy of the remarkable tribute of admiration and love which was accorded him during his short life, and devoted to his memory since his untimely death. This is just the kind of a biography which every member of our Young People's Religious Union and the students of our divinity schools ought to read. Nothing can stir the young mind more deeply than a well written biography. It kindles and illuminates the imagination of youth when written by a sympathetic and capable author. Our cause would be immensely strengthened if courses of biographical study could be prepared for our young people, setting forth the high devotion, the lofty aims and the wonderful efforts of our denominational heroes. Among the Heralds of the Liberal Faith no individual stands out with greater brilliancy than Thomas Starr King, as his life, character and works are set forth in this small but eloquent and thrilling volume.

L. G. W.

Dr. Gannett's "The Household Altar in Homes of the Liberal Faith Today"

Dr. William C. Gannett has had recently published a new pamphlet entitled, "The Household Altar in Homes of the Liberal Faith Today." This is a strong and stirring appeal for a deeper interest in religious education in the home. Every parent should read it. Dr. Gannett has generously offered to the Committee on Religion in the Home, appointed from the Unitarian Sunday School Society, two hundred copies for free distribution. The Committee feels that with the small number of pamphlets at its disposal as compared with the large number of persons who ought to read them, it cannot afford to distribute them as freely as it wishes, but any parent or guardian desiring a copy may have one free of charge by applying to the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. Charles T. Billings, at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

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There is a high place in the upper air,
So high that all the jarring sounds of Earth —
All cursing and all crying and all mirth
Melt to one murmur and one music there.
And so perhaps high over worm and clod,
There is an unimaginable goal,
Where all the wars and discords of the soul
Make one still music to the heart of God.

Edwin Markham.

Monday afternoon of Anniversary Week, The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women held a public meeting in Tremont Temple — the largest church in Boston. As early as 1.30 an ever-increasing number was hurrying into the auditorium; by 2 it was scurrying up to the first and second balconies — for the main floor was full. At 2.30 Miss Bancroft, President of The Alliance, led the regular opening service which culminated in the outpouring through Katherine Lee Bates's "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" of the heart of a woman-throng stirred to its depths by the inspiration of the occasion and the solemnity of our national crisis. It was good to hear.

Into this setting fitted the President's address, "Alliance Visions," condensing the year's greeting into a few words of reminder of the clear vision of work which has been and can yet be accomplished by The Alliance, of the goal to reach — an Alliance Branch for every church because the church would be stronger if the women of the church would give to it more of time, strength and self; and every Branch a part of The Alliance. She appealed for the arousing of a feeling of personal responsibility because now our mission is especially to the individual. Saying that in the present crisis today is ours to serve and we must keep fresh our spiritual vision and strength, she introduced a messenger from that group of individuals to whom the very springtime of vision comes — the young people.

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, in the name of the Young People's Religious Union tendered appreciation of Alliance co-operation and the hope of their increased sympathy and help. The Union, which is celebrating its twenty-first birthday, sets itself the task of enlisting the loyalty of Unitarian young people, of deepening the religious spirit and of aiming to go out into mission work, especially college centers, in a campaign for the coming year. He said that in the oncoming national crisis the Young People's Religious Union stood ready for whatever may happen, and its motto is,

" 'Tis man's perdition to be safe
When for the truth he ought to die"

adding that only as the nation leads its people to true, to noble aims can the young people follow.

Rev. Frederick R. Griffin of Montreal gave an address on "The Mobilization of Spiritual Forces," handling this dynamic theme with quiet force, basing it on Pericles' impassioned address before the Athenian body, the substance of which was that Athenians did not hold that man who stays out of public office as quiet, but as *useless*. In like manner Mr. Griffin in this hour of world upheaval would brand "neutrals," whether individuals or nations. How mobilize the religious and spiritual forces of the soul? Religious spirit must not be satisfied with anything less than the good of the *whole* — city, state, nation or race. There must be no suicidal hysteria, but never

was there greater need of religion, uncompromising, to condemn kings and demand democracy, and the task of religion to-day is to keep the moral issue of the war so before people that they will be ready to fight for it.

The next speaker, Rev. William B. Geoghegan, enlarged upon the theme of mobilization. Among other noteworthy things he said that a moral commonwealth, the integrity of which is sacred, is what alone we can be satisfied with. We love to dream of Peace, but we wake to the fact that in the world are hostile forces which twenty centuries of Christianity have not exterminated, so the spiritual forces of evil are arrayed against the spirit of democracy, therefore we must mobilize the forces of good to oppose them. All previous battles have been local merely, but the present war is a battle between democracy and autocracy. The call comes to make a world democratic.

With that graceful humor which at once wins the approval of both the hearer's intellect and his heart, Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, President of the American Unitarian Association, brought back the discussion to the more immediate emphasis of the denominational. He emphasized the importance of union saying suggestively that we all try to sing the same music, though not all have skill to hit or keep the key — the remedy for which is *more practice*. He likened the separatist to the outcast atom which is discarded by gravitation, and he prophesied that we are being led to a new era of not mere non-conformity, but fellowship; a union in which is no monotony, but variety. The way to this unity is not through intellectual consent but spiritual assent. In the tenor of such thought he closed with a wonderfully uplifting illustration which he said he borrowed from old Dr. Peabody: "When at last we reach the top we must stand on one place. And there is one view, but that view is *all round*."

The stirring meeting closed with the singing of America and a benediction by Dr. Eliot.

E. G. P.

During Anniversary Week those who attended session after session were conscious that the speakers and the listeners were "working out" the war situation together, trying to make an adjustment of church and life and thought to the overwhelming fact of world war, trying to comprehend our new relation of allies to the countries of Europe, trying to think internationally. If the preliminaries pass and we must settle down to the grim struggle that seems to stretch ahead a suggestion for our Alliance work seems in place. We shall do our part as we women have ever done it in the great human emergencies, but let us more than ever before remember the spiritual significance of our Alliance gatherings. Let us make our meetings centers radiating faith and courage and the spiritual power which we must have in the great emergency which confronts us.

The Wednesday morning annual session of The Alliance has of recent years developed a new character. Besides the usual business reports time is given to hear from Alliance members and missionary workers who are serving our church in different parts of the country and under varying conditions. As year by year we listen we receive an increasing consciousness of the broad and far reaching quality of our endeavors, of the many types of men and women who are our strength, and of steady expansion of our Unitarian faith under the challenging stimulus of difficulty and of imperative calls for our help.

The twenty-seventh annual business meeting of The Alliance on May 23 filled the First Church, about one thousand persons present. After the opening service Rev. Charles E. Park welcomed the delegates and friends to a church whose beginnings reach back nearly 300 years.

Mrs. George H. Root, Mrs. Frederick H. Tappan, and Mrs. Frank O. Small served as election committee.

The annual reports of the executive officers were presented. Miss Bancroft reviewed briefly the four years of her

administration. The treasurer's annual report bearing the auditor's endorsement was accepted. (These reports will all appear in the Manual.)

Brief addresses were given. Miss Emma C. Low bade The Alliance cherish the things that remain and not let new outside interests absorb us. We need to strengthen the spiritual forces.

A breezy letter of greeting was read from Mrs. Charles T. Catlin, former treasurer.

Rev. John L. Robinson of Swansboro, N. C., gave a few telling facts of his work in the Southern Circuit. Twelve girls who are trained nurses, stenographers, teachers, or telephone operators, all owe it to the Emmerton School, whose aim is to inspire in them self help. The boy scouts have been studying signaling and first aid. In the face of much opposition the loyalty of the people is most gratifying. Mr. Robinson ministers to three churches, and is thoroughly persuaded of the importance of our message to the people, the duty to give them truth and life, and to give it plainly, kindly, the spiritual message that man may be more than the beast.

Rev. Albert R. Vail of Urbana, Ill., spoke of a very different kind of work, that of presenting religious truth to students and professors of a state university. At the Sunday evening meetings the discussion would go on indefinitely if the minister did not close the meeting. The students come from all over the world and it is a real joy to believe that they will carry the spirit of a more liberal faith into their churches.

The missionary nature of the work is clear, the people come and go and so change that it is difficult to give the church stability.

Mrs. Philip J. Wilson brought greetings from the Middle West of which she is vice-president.

Mrs. Robert Glasgow stirred her hearers with her story of the courage of the Canadian women in supplementing the great sacrifices that are being made by the men to "win the war."

Mrs. E. L. Fuller spoke for Michigan with twice as many Alliance branches as churches, the smallest groups having a wonderful spirit of devotion and loyalty.

Mrs. E. N. Willis of Dallas wished that she might show the Texas Alliance workers that church full of Unitarian women! Unitarianism grows slowly in Texas, but the women work together to do all they can for all in their midst.

Mrs. John H. Lewis of Lynchburg, Va., spoke earnestly of the meaning of freedom in spiritual faith to those who come to it late in life, and urged that Unitarianism be preached where there are students, that the youth may grow up in the knowledge of a liberal faith.

Mrs. Wallace C. Beebe told of the new site for our church at Albany, N. Y., and the great possibilities there.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved that The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women in convention assembled declares its belief in the necessity of national prohibition as a war time measure and urges the President of these United States, and the Secretary of War and the Governor of Massachusetts wherein this convention is held, to use all influence towards its immediate adoption.

The suggestion from the floor that The Alliance invest in liberty bonds was referred to the Board, with the statement from the chairman of finance that this had already been considered.

The report of the credential committee showed 493 accredited delegates, of whom 60 were life members. The following states were represented: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Deleware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, California; District of Columbia, Canada, New York League, New England Associate Alliance; and by mail, Kentucky, Tennessee, Oregon.

The election committee reported a total of 488 votes cast, and the election of the entire ballot, with a few scattering votes for other candidates.

Miss Bancroft with words of gratitude for the co-operation of the members and of appreciation of the incoming president handed the gavel to Miss Lowell, who assumed the charge looking to the branches to do their part, for "without the branches all over the country the president can do nothing."

The meeting adjourned at 1 p. m.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

The Reception-Conference given by Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Osgood at Hotel Somerset Wednesday afternoon was a wonderful social occasion long to be remembered. Groups were quickly formed to discuss Post Office Mission, Junior Fellowship, and the rest. The work in the field was presented by Rev. E. H. Reeman of Trenton, N. J., and by Mrs. Osgood; that in an established church by Dr. Addison Moore of Schenectady, N. Y., and Mrs. Atherton. Alliance members welcomed the opportunity to renew their expressions of appreciation of Miss Bancroft's splendid service and of Mrs. Osgood's inspiring leadership of the Post Office Mission.

Greetings from the British League

To the Recording Secretary: —

At the last meeting of the central committee it was determined that I should write to you so that my letter might reach you in time for your annual gatherings.

We want to let you — and through you the women of The Alliance — know how full our hearts are of joy and thanksgiving that your great nation has thrown in its lot with us in the great struggle for freedom and right.

Women have suffered in other times of warfare as they suffer now alas, but never have they been able to give such help as now, never has their influence been so powerful as in this great struggle. This war with all its sorrow and pain has brought to us women here opportunities we might have vainly sought through long years of peace, and it is fine that in these wonderful opportunities our fellow women workers are now to have a share.

Please give the warmest greetings of our League to The Alliance, and may God bless and keep you all and give you strength and steadfast courage to face the tremendous trials that may be before you.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours,

HELEN BROOKE HERFORD,
Honorary Secretary, Women's League

London, May 2, 1917.

Executive Board

The meeting of the Executive Board was held May 18, Miss Bancroft presiding. Also present: Mmes. Keyes, Peterson, Wilson, Davis, Noyes, Atherton, Brown, Scott, Bellows, Donahue, Whitney, Bacon, Blair, Bouvé, Burt, Coolidge, Dewey, Edgecomb, Fiske, Gilson, Hayes, Houghton, Kimball, Lowell, Sawyer, Tuttle, Ware, Whiting, Whitman, Wilks, Beebe, Wilder, Anderson, Chipman, Glasgow, Willis, Fuller, Osgood, Saville, Field, Slade.

Mrs. Davis announced new branches as follows: Mason City, Iowa, Mrs. Mary A. Emsley Adams, President; Northumberland, Pa., Miss Jean B. Priestly, 100 King St., Secretary; Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. T. P. Byrnes, 1431 N. 30th St., Secretary; Bernardston, Mass., Mrs. Charles R. Hills, Secretary; Harvard, Mass., Mrs. A. H. Turner, Secretary.

Mrs. Peterson told of her recent visit through the Florida Circuit, and to Chattanooga for the Southern Conference. Mr. Zastrow's work is very promising and a hearty support is bespoken.

The following resolution submitted by the Los Angeles, Cal., branch was unanimously approved:

Resolved: That we heartily endorse the movement looking towards the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors throughout the United States during the period of the War.

Resolved: As a protection to our young men that adequate zones be established

around all concentration camps of soldiers from which liquor, prostitution, and gambling are excluded.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Miss Bancroft for her gift whereby the votes of the record books have been codified on cards duly filed at headquarters.

It was voted that the President serve as delegate to the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association May 22, 1917, and appoint the other two delegates, who shall not be life members. Mrs. Beebe and Mrs. Fuller were appointed.

It was voted to endorse and recommend to the branches an Appeal for $500 for furnishings for the new church at San Antonio, Texas.

It was voted that the chair appoint a committee of three to prepare and present a resolution on national prohibition during the war at the annual business meeting Wednesday, May 23. Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. Donnell were appointed.

On motion of the Treasurer it was voted that money received from bequests be held as separate funds named for the donors.

New life members were reported: Mrs. Wm. H. Downes; Mrs. Mary E. Marshall, gift of Brighton, Mass.; Mrs. William Holden, gift of Leominster, Mass.; Mrs. Dudley H. Ferrell, gift of Brockton, Mass.

To the memorial list have been added the following names: Mrs. Annette M. R. Cressey by Concord, N. H. branch; Mrs. Lucy K. Wilson by Brookline Second branch; Mrs. Charles W. Holden by Unity Circle and Brookline Second; Mrs. Sara Anna Gordon by the South Congregational branch, Boston; Mrs. Anna Hosmer Savary, gift of her daughter; Mrs. Minerva A. Bailey by Barre, Mass.; Mrs. Anthony V. DeLahorte by Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Davis told of her Western trip and the meetings of the Western Conference at Des Moines. Mrs. Scott spoke briefly of visits to branches in Ohio and other States and to Meadville and Southern Conferences. Mrs. Fuller told of conditions in Michigan, Mrs. Willis of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Beebe spoke for Albany, Mrs. Anderson for Pittsburg, and Miss Chipman for Baltimore.

Greetings were received from the Khasi Hills Unitarian Union, India.

Forty-six sat down to the luncheon tendered Miss Bancroft between the morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. Scott in rhyme introduced the speakers who paid tribute to the splendid service the retiring president has rendered The Alliance. Miss Bancroft's response was happy and most appreciative.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Junior Fellowship Notes

Since the last report on "The Junior Alliance Room" in the Tuckerman School, six contributions have been received, as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$107.00
Windsor, Vt., Junior Alliance	5.00
East Bridgewater, Mass., Junior Alliance	1.00
Fall River, Mass., Junior Alliance	3.00
Montreal, Canada, Junior Alliance	5.00
Natick, Mass., Junior Alliance	5.00
Weston, Mass., Junior Alliance	1.20
	$127.20

Thirteen states and Canada are now represented in the room, and we have enough for its immediate needs. If any more gifts are received, they will be kept for the room, as new needs arise. The House Committee wishes to thank most heartily the thirty-seven Junior Alliances who have shared in this undertaking.

The Junior Fellowship Committee would be glad to have programs of any entertainments, given by Junior Alliances in the past or during the coming season. Will the secretaries please mail them to Miss Mary F. Gill, 378 Canton Ave., Milton, Mass. Also any Juniors wishing the names of plays or entertainments that have been tried by other groups may write to the same address.

News from the Branches

Extract from the report of the teacher, Miss Jessie Bashforth, at the Mission Free School of the Church of the Messiah St. Louis, Mo., under date of May 1st: "We have had five gardening lessons in April and have a great deal of seed in. Part of it is up. One planting was made of each of the following vegetables: lettuce, onions, Swiss chard, okra, butter-beans, turnips, parsley, Kohlrabi, egg plants, pepper plants, squash, and carrots. Two plantings were made of radishes, string-beans, beets, peas and corn. Cabbage and tomato plants will be set out soon. Later, May 12th: two additional days have been spent in the garden much to the joy of the children. One hundred and sixty tomato plants were set out, and string beans, butter beans, radishes, turnips and Kohlrabi were planted. This garden supplies the fifty children and the house force all summer.

On April twenty-first the ladies of Unity Circle, Greeley, Col. had the pleasure of entertaining at Unity Home Mrs. Mary B. Davis, the Corresponding Secretary of The Alliance, the President of the Rocky Mountain Associate Alliance, Mrs. C. A. Lory of Fort Collins, and Mrs. C. F. Davis, president of the branch there.

Thirty-one persons partook of the luncheon that the ladies served in their convenient dining hall; immediately after luncheon they adjourned to the auditorium and listened to enthusiastic and enheartening reports of the sister branches in different parts of the United States and Canada given by Mrs. Davis, and something of the work in our state given by Mrs. Lory. Those who listened to Mrs. Davis when she spoke to us eight years ago, were delighted to note that she still retains the ardor and enthusiasm of her younger days for the cause she has so faithfully espoused these many years. Such a meeting must give us renewed courage to "do our bit" in spite of many discouragements.

The Spring meeting of the Associate Alliance of Northern California met in Starr King Hall, Oakland, on May 10, 1917. A time of friendly greeting was followed by luncheon, and at 2. o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Baldwin.

Opening exercises were conducted by Mrs. Dutton; reading, singing and recitation of our Faith, and Bond of Union. Mrs. Sisson, President of the Oakland Alliance, welcomed the visitors on behalf of her society. A poll of delegates taken; 117 present: Alameda 5; Berkeley 29; Palo Alto 3; Oakland 32; San Jose 23; San Francisco 25.

A letter was read from Miss Pecker expressing appreciation of the kindness shown her on her return from China "Weary of body and sore of spirit" and sending to all her warm thanks. Miss Peek of the San Francisco Headquarters reported 687 visitors, 238 of whom were Alliance women from far and near. 329 books loaned, averaging 40 monthly.

The travelogue is ready to be passed around, and societies can secure it by addressing Mrs. Atherton of The Alliance, in Boston.

Mrs. Speight then introduced Miss Helen Krebs, who said it was the first time she had tried to formulate her reason for entering the ministry. She had thought it strange there were so few women in the pulpit, in view of the great success by those who had taken up the work, the natural attainments of woman making her especially fitted for the ministry. Miss Krebs paid a fitting tribute to the sweet and gracious personality of Miss Florence Buck; spoke of the great work of woman in war time in the past, and the greater work in the present, and said that woman's entrance into the pulpit would supply just the touch needed to fill to completeness her work for the good of humanity. Mrs. Speight followed with a most vigorous inspiring paper.

Mrs. Southworth brought greetings from the Alliance women of Meadville, Pa., and said the papers read treating of the work of the Alliance here had given her inspiration to carry back.

Appeals

San Antonio, Texas, for church furnishings ..... $311.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Mr. NELSON J. SPRINGER, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

Officers and Directors 1917-1918

The following officers and directors were elected for 1917-18 at the annual meeting, May 25: president, Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, Cambridge, Mass.; vice-presidents: Mr. Berkeley B. Blake, Berkeley, Cal.; Mr. W. A. Harris, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. Henry G. Ives, Andover, N. H.; Mr. James E. Lenington, Dallas, Tex.; Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Wellesley, Mass.; Mr. Conrad T. Waldie, Germantown, Pa.; secretary, Mr. Nelson J. Springer, Meadville, Pa.; treasurer, Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, Belmont, Mass.; directors, Mr. Chester R. Allen, Dorchester, Mass.; Hon. Sanford Bates, Boston, Mass.; Mr. Edwin C. Clark, Jr., Northampton, Mass.; Mr. James E. Dobbs, Toronto, Canada; Miss Bessie Jones, Beverly, Mass.; Mr. Alden V. Keene, Watertown, Mass.; Mr. Joseph C. Kiley, Jamestown, N. Y.; Miss Edith R. Nason, Newport, R. I.; Miss Minnie Packard, Quincy, Mass.; Rev. Houghton Schumacher, Hingham, Mass.; Mr. J. Wilmon Brewer, Hingham, Mass.; Rev. Manley B. Townsend, Nashua, N. H.; Miss Emily Hargrave, Allston, Mass.; Miss Ruth Garwood, Meadville, Pa.; Adolph C. Weber, Berkeley, Cal.

The Year Ahead of Us.

In many ways, the year which is now ahead of us will prove to be a critical one, and one in which we shall need the most hearty support of everyone who believes in our cause. We are living in terrible but glorious times; and the Young People's Religious Union must do its full share, and bear its full part in all the great undertakings that await our efforts. There never was a time when more was expected of the young people of our country, and never has the nation looked with more confidence than now to its young people for their loyal and steadfast allegiance.

But it is not only in the national and world crisis that the importance of the year ahead is to be found. In our own society, in the organization of the young people of our Unitarian churches, the coming year is to be a critical one. We are undertaking new and greater work; and we need new and greater loyalty in order to accomplish what we have set our hands to.

In the first place, we are to begin in September with a field-secretary. Mr. Nelson J. Springer, of Meadville, is to come to Boston to assume the new office of field-secretary. Mr. Springer is peculiarly qualified for this important and difficult post. He is a member of the Indianapolis Church, and has caught from Mr. Wicks the fire of real Unitarian enthusiasm. He is a graduate of the Meadville Theological School, which means that he is trained for the work of the Unitarian ministry. During the past year, he has been doing most excellent work as our field-secretary in the Meadville Federation district; and the success of his work there is a splendid omen for his success in the larger field of the national work. Those who heard him at the annual meeting in Cambridge last month understood why he has been so efficient and successful in the Meadville Federation, of which he has been the president for two years. There is every reason to anticipate that the new position of national field-secretary will be most competently filled; and that by Mr. Springer's work the Y. P. R. U. will gain immeasurably in efficiency and power.

But this new venture of our society means that we must have much stronger financial support during the next year than we have received of late. Every union must try to send in its contribu-

tion earlier than usual, and just as far as is possible the contributions must be increased. This new venture involves much greater financial obligations, and each union must share this increased burden. The Board of Directors looks with confidence to the unions to sustain the new undertaking in loyal and effective fashion.

One way in which this loyalty can be shown is in supporting the Biennial Bazaar, which will come next November. It is of the utmost importance that this bazaar shall turn over to the treasury at least $2000. This is, we believe, entirely possible; but it will mean a strong pull all together, in order to accomplish. We are very fortunate in having as the chairman of the Bazaar Committee Miss Katherine Williams, of Dedham; and under her leadership we ought to be able to make this Fair our most successful one.

With a successful Bazaar, and with the hearty support of each and every union, the financial aspect of the year ahead may be regarded as taken care of; but there is another kind of help that is equally necessary, if the new field-secretary is to be as effective as we hope. His chief task will be to help the unions in their individual problems, and to do this he must be given every opportunity to come into direct personal touch with the local unions. This he can do only by your invitation, and so it is of great importance that each union should plan to invite Mr. Springer to address one of its meetings during the course of the year. The federations also might well ask him to attend their meetings, and tell them about his work. Churches where there is at present no young people's society, Alliances that are interested in our work, Men's Clubs that feel the importance of developing the young people's work — all these will find our field-secretary ready to respond to their invitations.

With such opportunities to address our societies, and with the unions ready to turn to him for counsel and help in all their problems, Mr. Springer will find his time well filled, and the new office developing rapidly into an important part of the denominational organization. Thus, we believe, the dream of the Young People's Religious Union, which has been for so long only a dream, will be realized. The year ahead of us, with all its difficulties and risks, will thus be a year of promise at length fulfilled. May it be our best year, the most fruitful in our history!

The Luther Celebration

Next October, the whole Protestant world will be celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation; and the Board of Directors hope that our young people's unions will make special plans to participate in this celebration. Sunday, October 28, will be the day when most churches will have their principal service of commemoration, and it is recommended to the unions to hold special services on that date. The actual anniversary comes on October 31, for on that day, in the year 1517, Martin Luther posted up the ninety-five theses against the door of the Church in Wittenberg, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation.

In order to help the unions in their plans for this celebration, the central office expects to gather a considerable amount of material, which is being prepared by the various Protestant Churches and any union which desires assistance may receive it on application. The Massachusetts Federation of Churches is making special plans for young people's services for this event, and the Young People's Religious Union will co-operate with the Federation.

In addition to the services on October 28, we recommend that the unions plan a series of studies for the Sundays preceding that date, on the history and significance of the Reformation. Outlines for such studies are being prepared by the Federation, and when ready may be obtained through our office. Lists of books on the Reformation, quotations from Luther and other of the leaders in the Reformation, and similar material, will be available; and it is hoped that many of our unions will

want to make use of this offer of assistance, in celebrating "the most memorable day in modern European history."

Among the ways in which unions can observe this day, none would be better than to present a pageant of the Reformation. In this, the co-operation of the Sunday School Society will be most valuable; and the secretary of the Y. P. R. U. will be glad to confer with unions as to the most practicable ways of giving such a pageant.

In planning your next year's work, do not allow this great opportunity to arouse interest in free religion to pass without taking advantage of all its possibilities. To begin the new year with a successful celebration of this event will be perhaps the best possible way of ensuring a prosperous and fruitful year. The central office is ready to help you in any ways that are possible.

Grace R. Torr

For eleven years the Y. P. R. U. has received the unfailing loyalty of Miss Grace R. Torr, as its Secretary. Now that Miss Torr is leaving us, it is difficult for us to express the deep sense of our gratitude to her for all that she has given to us. What her quiet and faithful work has meant to the Union and to the denomination as a whole no one can adequately say. All that we can do is to express our heartfelt appreciation of her fine spirit of devotion, her unceasing tact and cordiality, her splendid fidelity to what is at best arduous and sometimes unrewarded labor, and her quick insight into the baffling problems of young people's work. She has given of herself in no small measure, and to a greater extent than many of us realize the fibre and texture of the Young People's Religious Union *is* Miss Torr. To say that we shall miss her at the office is only to suggest our feeling; to wish her every happiness in her new work is the earnest desire of everybody who has ever come into relation with her in Room 11. Our headquarters will be a different place without her; and for many years to come we shall go into her room with a sense of strangeness and unfamiliarity.

The Y. P. R. U. knows Miss Torr well enough to be certain that we shall long continue to find her good counsel at our service. We hope that soon she will be one of our Board of Directors, so that the ripe experience which she has may be available for the guidance and direction of our policy in the time to come. While we lose her as our Secretary, and mourn the loss, we shall hope to find her still our truest friend and one of our most trusted advisers.

Y. P. R. U. Summer Meetings

The Y. P. R. U., with the generous co-operation of the Star Island Corporation, was planning a series of Young People's meetings on Star Island, from June 30 to July 5. Because of the war, these meetings have necessarily been abandoned for this year, but as soon as normal conditions are restored they will be taken up again and carried through. Any of those who have already paid their membership dues for these meetings may obtain their money from Mr. Alden V. Keene, who may be addressed at 25 Beacon St., Room 11; or if they desire the dues will be credited to them for next year.

The enthusiasm with which the tentative plans of the Committee were greeted on all sides is proof that our young people are ready to undertake a summer conference of their own; and when it becomes possible to carry out these plans we feel certain that they will be highly successful. There is no reason why our summer conferences should not become as vital a part of our young people's work as are the Northfield Conferences. To bring together two hundred Unitarian young people, for a week of good fellowship and mutual counsel in the spiritual values of our free faith ought to strengthen our movement incalculably.

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